

GRAND LODGE WEEK.

This Ancient Body to Convene in Annual Session Tuesday Evening.

CONTESTS OVER TWO OFFICES.

Treasury Placants and Secretary Bidgood Have Opposition—Who the Aspirants Are—Other Business for the Three-Nights' Meeting.

This will be a week of great interest to the Masons of Virginia. The Grand Lodge, which is as illustrious as it is ancient, will convene at the Temple Tuesday evening in its 115th grand annual communication, and its three-nights' session will attract to the city prominent members of the craft from all parts of the State.

The Grand Lodge embraces its own officers, all past-grand masters, past-deputy-grand masters, past-grand masters, district deputy-grand masters, the past masters of subordinate lodges, and three representatives—master and senior and junior wardens—from each lodge. The grand brotherhood now has 259 lodges in the State. The sessions of the Grand Lodge are usually attended by



CAPTAIN J. B. BLANKS.

the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in December, 1895, he applied for a charter for his lodge, which was the first one in this grand jurisdiction, bearing the name of a woman, the first of 1871. Mr. Blanks returned to his native city and reconnected himself with Petersburg Lodge, No. 15, in which he still holds membership as a past master. A most interesting coincidence in the history of this lodge, is the fact that on the 8th of January 1879, Worshipful Master Blanks conferred the degree of Entered Apprentice on his first candidate, and on the 8th of January, 1895, after a lapse of a quarter of a century, the very hour, he held a friendly visit to the lodge and took part in raising a worthy brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Mr. Blanks, now after being made a Master, advanced to the degrees of Royal Arch and Knight Templar, and has filled with some distinction offices in all branches of Masonry. At the late annual communication, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and the 14th instant he was elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

Dr. Cunningham, a veteran member of the craft, has filled many of the offices, and is now Grand Lecturer, a position that takes him all over the State.

THE GRAND MASTER.
Colonel J. E. Fitzgerald, the present Grand Master, is one of the best-known men in Southern Virginia, and is a popular and honored Mason. He has been an active member of the craft for thirty-five years or more, having been made a Mason in Farmville Lodge in 1859 or 1860. Colonel Fitzgerald was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1885, and has since risen to his present position by successive elections. Since the war, in which he served with distinguished gallantry, Colonel Fitzgerald has taken a deep interest in the material development of Eastern Virginia, and it was his strong letter to the Dispatch, published in March, 1894, that led to the calling by the Chamber of Commerce of the immigration convention held here in October last. Colonel Fitzgerald has three brothers and two sisters residing in Richmond.

LIST OF GRAND MASTERS.
The following is a list of those who have filled the office of Grand Master since the organization of the Grand Lodge, October 15, 1779:
John Blair, 1778.
James Meren, 1784.
Edmund Riedel (re-elected), 1778.
Alexander Kottomery, 1778.
Thomas Matthews (re-elected), 1770.
John Marshall, 1770.
Robert Brodie, 1770.
Benjamin Day (re-elected), 1767.
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Alexander Maitre, 1801.
James Byrne, 1801.
William W. Henning, 1805.
David A. Lott, 1805.
John H. Brouse, 1809.
Solomon Jacobs, 1810.
Robert Brough, 1813.
Charles H. G. G. G., 1815.
Archibald Hagill, 1817.
John H. Purdie, 1817.
Samuel Jones, 1821.
Charles Yacey, 1822.
Mordcaid Goke, 1822.
D. W. Paitson, 1828.
Robert G. Scott, 1828.
George C. Bromberg, 1830.
William H. Fitzhugh, 1832.
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Levi L. Stekenson, 1836.
William A. Patterson, 1838.
Oscar M. Gutcheid, 1841.
J. W. Smith, 1843.
J. R. Purdie, 1844.
Sidney S. Baxter, 1848.
James Polins, 1848.
James Evans, 1850.
Edmund P. Hunter, 1852.
James A. Lott, 1852.
John S. Caldwell, 1858.
Powhatan I. Starke, 1858.
John Robin McDaniel, 1859.
Lewis B. Williams, 1861.
William H. Fitzhugh, 1861.
Edward H. Lane, 1865.
William Terry, 1867.
Robert F. Owens, 1871.
Thomas E. Winters, 1871.
William H. Lamb, 1872.
William B. Tallaferro, 1874.
Richard Parker, 1876.
B. R. Welford, Jr., 1877.
Peyton S. Bates, 1878.
Robert A. Pate, 1881.
Henry W. Murray, 1883.
Francis H. Hill, 1884.
William F. Drinkard, 1886.
Ro. T. Craghill, 1887.
Howard W. W. W., 1889.
William H. Fitzhugh, 1891.
Mann Page, 1893.
J. B. Fitzgerald, 1894.

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WYTHEVILLE WAIFS.

THANKSGIVING-DAY VERY GENERALLY OBSERVED.

The Corn Market—The Farmers Hard Pressed—Current Events and Thursday Clubs Consolidate—The Daughters of the Revolution.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., November 30.—(Special.)—Judging by the tempting array set forth in the grocery-stores during the first half of the week, and the low prices charged for fat chickens, turkeys, yellow butter, and fresh eggs, it was a good Thanksgiving season for Wytheville.

Almost every one could afford a good dinner, and there were kind neighbors to remember those who could not. All the business houses were closed on Thursday, and services were held in most of the churches. The Methodist and Presbyterian congregations united in a Thanksgiving service in the Presbyterian church, the Methodist pastor, Rev. Mr. Carden, preaching an appropriate sermon, and the choir rendering sweet and well-chosen music.

THE CORN MARKET.

Corn is selling at 25 to 40 cents per bushel, and a few speculators are buying it up and storing it in granaries, confident that there is something to be made by holding it. In spite of the most abundant crops the past season, our farmers are hard-pressed. There seems to be very little money in the country, and the prices commanded by the farm produce are so low that it hardly pays to market it.

Mr. W. G. Repass, ex-postmaster of Wytheville, is dangerously ill at his home on Main street, and his recovery has been almost despaired of.

SOCIAL NOTES.

The Current Events Club has disbanded, and the members have united with the young ladies in the Thursday Club. Mrs. E. B. Stuart, regent, called a meeting of the Wytheville Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution on Friday afternoon, when plans for the Christmas party were perfected, and the organization, and the mapping out of work for the coming year. The chapter is a small one as yet, but the members are interested, and there is material here for a large and flourishing organization.

Mrs. J. C. Green has closed her house for the winter, and will board at the Fourth-Avenue Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barclay, who have spent the past two weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Barclay, have returned to their home in North Carolina.

Clarence Kent, of Petersburg, spent Wednesday with Wytheville friends. Miss Velle Caldwell, who is teaching in Pulaski county, came home to spend her Christmas, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Kent Cloyd, daughter of Mr. David Cloyd, of Pulaski.

PETERSBURG.

PETERSBURG, VA., November 30.—(Special.)—At the session of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Conference, in this city, to-day, Bishop Hood, the presiding officer, made his annual address.

He said that during the past year in the discharge of his duties he had travelled 20,000 miles, and had only been at his home two weeks since June, 1894. His death had been greatly enlarged by the duties of his 16th anniversary, and he visited 500 churches, and ordained thirty-five persons to the ministry. He referred to the fact that the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church is now on the eve of its 16th anniversary, and spoke of its growth, and of the advance in the spiritual, material, and educational condition of the colored race. He commended the tobacco habit as a needless self-indulgence, and especially unbecoming in the clergy.

R. H. Atkinson, representing the Petersburg District, gave an encouraging account of the condition of the churches in the district, and of the Oak-Street church in this city, especially, whose contributions during the year for various purposes exceeded those of any other church in the conference. Rev. E. F. Wheeler, of New Jersey, addressed the conference, and pledged \$1,000 for the centennial celebration. Reports of the pastors of the churches in the conference were received.

The Bishop will announce his appointments on Monday night.

PRETTY COUNTRY WEDDING.

Mr. Hancock and Miss Gills Married at the Bride's Home.

MIDDLETON, VA., November 30.—(Special.)—There was a pretty home wedding at the residence of Mr. M. W. Gills, near Woodbury Mills, in Powhatan county, last Wednesday evening, when Mr. John A. Hancock and Miss Stella Gills were united in marriage. Rev. Robert H. Winfree, of Middleton, officiated, and a number of friends of the contracting parties were present to extend congratulations. After the ceremony a delightful reception was given at the residence of Mr. George B. Hancock, father of the groom. The bride is an exceedingly pretty young lady, and very popular with a large circle of friends. Mr. Hancock is a school-teacher, and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

AFTER THE STORM.

A Masterpiece of Art to Be Exhibited Here Free.

Another great masterpiece, a painting in oil by one of the renowned painters of the Old World, will soon be on exhibition in this city. While it is exposed every art-loving citizen should take advantage of the generosity of its owner and see a work of art which is to go down to posterity as one of the great and most realistic productions of this age. It is a mammoth oil painting by Thaddeus Suesina Popiel, of Krakow, Poland, the artist who shared his crust with Millet, of France, and had the good fortune of power and ill fortune. Like that immortal genius, Popiel produced one great work, "After the Storm." He lived, breathed, and felt the love and sympathy of the simple Polish peasants, and of those whom he was reared, and in after life gave to the world in a painting an impression on his mind. A peasant and his wife, who had toiled in the field all year to raise a crop of wheat, on which their living depended for the next year, awoke one morning after a storm to find their ripened crop laid low by rain, wind, and hail. They stand in the wet road looking upon the devastation, not shedding tears, nor making any demonstration of grief, but their expression is one of unutterable woe. Their loss has struck them dumb, and they gaze in speechless misery.

Mr. A. Saks has captured this great work at a great cost, and will pay it a proper respect by exhibiting a special room for it on the second floor of the establishment of A. Saks & Co., corner Eleventh and Main.

The picture arrived in the city yesterday. It is an enormous canvas, about fourteen feet square. The original price of the painting was \$10,000.

As soon as it can be properly hung (which will take a few days), the public will be invited to see one of the grandest paintings of the age.

WARRENTON.

An Enjoyable German—The Hunt Club—Special Service.

WARRENTON, VA., November 30.—(Special.)—An enjoyable evening at 9 o'clock, the social gathering at Warrenton was assembled in the Town Hall, to enjoy the German Club by the Cotten Club. In honor of Mrs. Barnard's guests, Miss Fannie Herbert, of Alexandria, and Mrs. Paul Monck, of Philadelphia. The German was led by Mr. D. Turner Day, and Miss Hutchinson, daughter of Congressman Hutchinson, from Texas, whose family is wintering in Warrenton. The choruses were Mrs. R. Taylor Scott, Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Elizabeth Fair, Mrs. George B. Stone, and Mrs. Murray Forbes. Among the dancers were Misses Emily Forbes, with Mr. Herbert Barry, of New York; Mary Fooks, with Mr. George Nelson; Emily Fair, with Mr. Randolph Turner; Fannie Cochran, with Mr. James Johnson; Lizzie Fair, with Mr. Robert S. Payne; Charlotte Nelson, with Mr. John Stone; Alice Payne, with Mr. Norman Bedan; Lucy Stone, with Mr. Edward Spelman; Miss Ercot, with Mr. John Keith; Mr. and Mrs. John Bell; Miss Emily Johnson, with Mr. Huycke, of Washington; Miss Margaret Barry, with Mr. McKay, of New York, and Mrs. John Barnard, with Mr. Billy O'Connor, of New York; Mrs. Paul Monck, with Mr. H. Carr, and Fannie Herbert, with Mr. Trotter, Philadelphia. The music stopped at half-past 11, and Mrs. Barnard invited a large number of guests to supper at her home.

THE HUNT CLUB.

On Friday the Hunt Club had the largest hunt of the season, and the prettiest field it has ever been the pleasure of the spectators to behold. There were numerous to behold. There were about 100 hunters, and Mr. Herbert Barry and his three friends of Troop A, New York, who succeeded in getting mounts, swelling the number. At an "in-and-out" across the road on the Waterhouse, the hunters were sent down, but none were hurt. The New York men, some of whom belonged to the Meadow Brooks Club, said that they had never ridden to stiffer fences.

SPECIAL SERVICE.

The Woman's Auxiliary held special services last evening at 8 o'clock, it being the eve of St. Andrew's Day, at the Episcopal church. Rev. T. W. Nelson gave them a fine address on the purpose of missions, and the necessity of the Church to aid Christian peoples after which he read statistics, showing what great work the Woman's Auxiliary is doing in foreign fields. All the members of the branch were present, and quite a number of the congregation who are not members.

Miss Lucy Stone entertained her friends this afternoon at tea, from 5 to 7 o'clock. Misses Lizzie Fair and Mary Forbes received with her.

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